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SUMMARY: IN A CONVERSATION WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN
FOREIGN MINISTER, GENSCHER URGED THE SOUTH AFRICANS
TO IMPLEMENT UN RESOLUTIONS ON NAMIBIA AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE. MULLER RESPONDED THAT ALL OPTIONS
ON THE FUTURE OF NAMIBIA ARE OPEN AND THAT THE
PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA MUST BE ALLOWED TO WORK OUT
THEIR FUTURE FREE OF OUTSIDE PRESSURE. THE FRG
HAS NOT DECIDED ON THE FUTURE OF ITS CONSULATE IN
WINDHOEK. END SUMMARY

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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR FOR WEST AND SOUTH

AFRICA, MUELLER, DISCUSSED THE MEETING BETWEEN GENSCHER AND SOUTH AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTER MULLER WITH EMBASSY OFFICER.

2. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL SAID THAT NOTHING NEW EMERGED FROM THE MEETING BETWEEN GENSCHER AND MULLER. MULLER ASKED THE GERMANS TO TRY TO "UNDERSTAND" THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT'S DOMESTIC POLICY AND ITS RELATIONS WITH NAMIBIA. GENSCHER DESCRIBED FRG - SOUTH AFRICAN RELATIONS AS "OPTIMAL," BUT HE TOLD MULLER THAT BLACK AFRICANS DO NOT MAKE DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND THEREFORE WOULD NOT ACCEPT AN ATTEMPT BY THE FRG TO DIVORCE ITS EXTENSIVE COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA FROM ITS AVOWED OPPOSITION TO SOUTH AFRICA'S RACIAL AND FOREIGN POLICIES. NOTING THAT SA FIRMS HELP RHODESIA CIRCUMVENT UN SANCTIONS ON RHODESIA, GENSCHER ASKED THAT SOUTH AFRICA COOPERATE WITH THE FRG IN MAINTAINING THE SANCTIONS. MULLER PROMISED TO HELP.

3. THERE WAS NO AGREEMENT ON NAMIBIA. GENSCHER REAFFIRMED THE FRG'S SUPPORT FOR UN RESOLUTIONS ON NAMIBIA AND URGED THE SOUTH AFRICANS TO IMPLEMENT THEM AS FAST AS POSSIBLE. MUELLER SAID THAT ALL OPTIONS WERE OPEN AND ARGUED AGAINST ALL OUTSIDE ATTEMPTS TO INFLUENCE THE DESTINY OF THAT COUNTRY.

4. COMMENTING SEPARATELY ON NAMIBIA, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL SAID THAT THE FRG SUPPORTS THE UN POSITION ON NAMIBIA, BUT HE COULD NOT ANTICIPATE WHAT DECISIONS THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT WOULD MAKE ON THE FUTURE OF ITS CONSULATE IN WINDHOEK AND ITS

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CULTURAL AGREEMENT WITH NAMIBIA. SOME OLDER GERMANS AND MANY OF THE 20,000 GERMAN NATIONALS LIVING IN NAMIBIA WANT THE FRG TO KEEP ITS CONSULATE IN WINDHOEK. ON THE OTHER HAND, SOME YOUNG LIBERAL GERMANS WANT THE CONSULATE CLOSED. BUT HE THOUGHT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD MAKE ITS DECISION WITH AN EYE ON ITS FUTURE RELATIONS WITH THE BLACKS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

5. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL SAID THAT GENSCHER AND MULLER DID NOT DISCUSS POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA. BUT OUR SOURCE BELIEVES THAT MULLER AND OTHER SOUTH AFRICAN OFFICIALS ARE TOO OPTIMISTIC ON THE FUTURE OF SOUTH AFRICA'S "DETENTE" WITH BLACK AFRICA, AS THEY (WHITE SOUTH AFRICANS) SEEM TO BELIEVE THAT ONCE BLACKS AND WHITES HAVE REACHED AGREEMENTS IN RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA, BLACKS WILL COME TO ACCEPT MINORITY RULE AND RACIAL SEGREGATION IN SOUTH AFRICA. CONFIDENTIAL

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6. ASKED ABOUT THE NIGERIAN ALLEGATION THAT THE FRG INTENDED TO SUPPLY SOUTH AFRICA WITH A NUCLEAR REACTOR, OUR SOURCE EXPLAINED THAT SOUTH AFRICA HAD INVITED BIDS FOR A NUCLEAR POWER PLANT AND THAT AN FRG FIRM, KWU, ALONG WITH FRENCH AND US FIRMS HAD MADE OFFERS. IF SOUTH AFRICA DECIDES TO OFFER THE CONTRACT TO THE FRG FIRM, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD THEN DECIDE IF IT SHOULD ALLOW THE FRG FIRM TO ACCEPT. HE SAID THAT THE NIGERIANS HAD ATTACKED THE FRG BEFORE THEY UNDERSTOOD THE ISSUE. HILLENBRAND

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